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In re Application of  
Mohamed CHOKRI et al  
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DECISION ON PETITION

Paper No. 14

This is in response to applicant's "PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181 TO WITHDRAW THE HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT" filed March 27, 2002.

On August 14, 2001, an Advisory Action was mailed to applicant. The period for response was set to expire 4 months from the mailing date (March 27, 2001) of the final rejection. On November 6, 2001, a Notice of Abandonment for failure to timely file a proper reply was mailed. On March 27, 2002, the present petition was filed. The petition asserts that the Notice of Abandonment was not received until January 30, 2002 and that a reply was timely filed on August 27, 2001 in response to the Office action of August 14, 2001. The petition was accompanied with a copy of complete response filed on August 14, 2001.

The application and the evidence filed with the petition have been carefully reviewed. A reply was timely filed in response to the Office action dated August 14, 2001. Accordingly, the petition is Granted.

The application has been returned to pending status and will be forwarded to examiner for consideration after mailing of this letter.

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact Cecilia Tsang, by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703) 308-0254 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-3890.

  
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